

Application No.: 09/895,025
Reply to Office Action of November 17, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-16 are presently active. Claims 1-5 and 11 having been canceled without prejudice by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arai et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,291,065) in view of Hiyoshi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,297,549). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arai et al in view of Hiyoshi and further in view of Tsunoda (U.S. Pat. No. 5,488,256). Claims 6-10 were indicated as being allowed.

Firstly, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowance for Claims 6-10. In order to expedite prosecution of the present case to allowance, Claims 1-5 and 11 have been canceled.

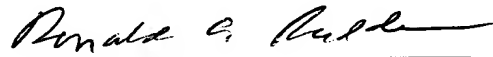
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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application containing only allowed Claims 6-10 is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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